

In Quite a Facetious Vein.

Latest advices as to the effect that quite a coolness exists between the Esquimaux and the Laplanders.—Roanoke Times.

President Harper, of the University of Chicago, in declaring against the production of "As You Like It," by the students of the department with the part of Rosalind in lights, goes on to show that he is going to have it as he likes it.—Winchester News-Item.

If the Chinese Minister doesn't employ a press agent, he is very successful in jolting the men who send out the news from the towns in which he speaks. If he were an American he would be suspected of an intention to run for office.—Bristol News.

The members of the House want to go in for all the general legislation possible. The idea is to get all the practice they can as law-makers, as this is perhaps their last chance on earth.—Danville Bee.

It's rather queer that every escaped lunatic is found in or near Petersburg. Still the town does not seem to increase in population.—Claremont Herald.

The public is observing with some interest the ship-and-tug encounter between Jack Frost and the grip microbes.—Winchester News-Item.

Richmond is all smiles now. The people of that town are never so happy as when the Legislature is in session. The new Constitution should arrange for annual sessions of the Legislature, and then Richmond's smile would be a perpetual thing of beauty.—Shenandoah Press.

Science is to be congratulated that no mob of monkeys lynched Prof. Garner, of Bristol, for his persistence in reducing their language to the low plane of human understanding.—Bristol Courier.

In South America they have honored the New Year by turning over a lot of new resolutions.—Norfolk Landmark.

There has been no detailed report of the noise made by Clark and Quay when they went off to the side in Washington to enjoy a half hour of mutual smiling.—Winchester News-Item.

The new King of England is to be admitted for his courage in consenting to allow the number seven to form a part of his royal title.—Southern Weekly News.

The successful business man imitates the camel in one respect—he goes through life a-humpin' it.—Bristol Courier.

If I had some folks by the heels hanging over plagiatory, I would open my hand and improve the mental tone of the world.—South Boston News.

There should be a good sprinkling of level-headed corn-shuckers in the Constitutional Convention, and not a single office-holder.—Louisiana News.

It is now said the high collar produces a peculiar disease. We are glad of it, if it is anything short of fatal. Bodily disease, of course, we understand fully its significance mentally.—Staunton News.

RADICAL AND VICIOUS TAXES ON SURPLUS AND PROFITS

A Financial Writer Claims the Proposition in New York Will Do Much Harm.

DIRECT ATTACK ON EVERY DEPOSITOR IN A BANK, TRUST OR INSURANCE COMPANY

By W. T. MANNING.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The taxation of the surplus and undivided profits of trust companies, banks and insurance companies which some of the Republican legislators of the State of New York have in process of enactment seems at first blush quite alluring. The large and loud-mouthed class of self-seeking demagogues that declare property to be robbery will probably hail it as an evidence of the soundness of their eccentric financial and economic theories, and congratulate themselves that their unwise and visionary ideas are at last to be adopted.

No one will dispute the proposition that capital in active operation should pay its just proportion of taxation; but capital which is held in reserve to sustain and strengthen other capital, employed in earning and dividing its profits, is in an entirely different category. Its function is not to make money itself, but by its silent operation to produce that degree of confidence in the public mind and in all commercial transactions that enables its active partner to be utilized to the best advantage and obtain from it the best results consistent with security and safety.

MUST HAVE SURPLUS.

Take, for instance, a fire insurance company. The larger the reserve fund, surplus or whatever else it may be called, is able honestly to set forth as its possession the greater the certainty as to the continued growth of its business upon which taxation is justly assessed. Cut down that surplus in any way by reckless internal management or by enforced public levies under the title of taxation, and confidence is at once weakened, with possibly a loss of business. The gain to the taxing power, the State, is temporary, but it is not improbable that its loss will be far greater in the end.

Consider the savings banks under the operation of the same law. A surplus or a reserve fund is essential to their prosperity. It is a guarantee to their depositors that their savings are secure and that with the least delay possible they

ALL EYES ARE NOW FIXED ON HIS MAJESTY EDWARD VII

Wide Speculation as to Whether He Will Make a Real King or a Figurehead in the Imperial Government.

SIGNS OF ENGLISH WEAKNESS.

A Prominent Political Writer Says Great Britain Is Losing Much of Her Industrial Power and May Have to Give Up Some of Her Colonies.

By JOHN P. FOLEY.

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What is to be the future of the British Empire? From the death of the beloved Queen, whose reign has been the longest and, in many respects, the most resplendent in English history, shall there be dated the beginning of the decline of the mighty governmental fabric which, in territorial extent and in the number and diversity of the races, languages and religions it embraces, is the most stupendous that the world has ever seen? The question is momentous in many ways for millions and millions of the human race. It profoundly affects all the great European Powers, for while the dead Queen held the scepter no one of them, no combination of them, ventured to assail the domination of England in any part of the world where she claimed supremacy or where her imperial interests were involved. It is true that they were not held in check by Victoria as a ruler; but at the same time it cannot be denied that during her unprecedented reign, and under the succession of a long line of the ablest ministers that ever existed, there grew up a potent moral influence, so far as Great Britain is concerned, which with her undisputed supremacy on the seas and her illimitable command of mon-

Chamberlain. Not in such fashion were his ancestors wont to rule.

A STORMY OUTLOOK.

Not alone in domestic politics is the prospect before Edward VII. a stormy one. Still more portentous and lowering is the outlook abroad. For the first time in the economic history of England her industrial supremacy is threatened in all the markets of the world. Trade is the foundation of the splendid imperial structure, and when that is undermined her end is certain. It may be delayed, but cannot be averted. A colonial empire cannot be preserved when the vital interests upon which its existence depends are in the control of rival Powers. That trade revolution has begun and its progress is irresistible.

Territorial expansion for England as impossible under twentieth century conditions as is trade expansion. Possibly she may, without something additional in South Africa, but it will hardly compensate for the expenditure of money and the loss of life that it will cost. On the American continent British aggression has come to an end. The Monroe doctrine blocks the way, and to overcome that barrier is out of the question. To describe the situation fairly and frankly it is on this continent that England is menaced with the greatest loss of territory that has been predicted from her since the Revolution. Slowly but surely the vast British possessions to the north of us are gravitating toward the American republic. The progress is slow as that of the glaciers that have retreated from the polar regions, but the movement is there, and it cannot be arrested. National sympathy is strong, but the attraction of material interest is as potent in the commercial world as that of gravitation in the physical one. The northern half of the American continent will sooner or later be all American. From the flag of Britain is destined to disappear. For that loss of territory, when it occurs, there never can be compensation.

BIRTH OF A NEW NATION.

How long will the new confederation of Australia remain in the fetters of colonial vassalage? Is a question that thoughtful men are even now beginning to ask. Few people are more progressive along all the lines of government development than are these dwellers at the antipodes, and as them the world is looking for many of the greatest reforms of the time. It is not too much to say that before the new century grows very old the birth of a new nation in the far southern seas will in all probability have taken place.

The rise of the republic of the United States marked the beginning of the decadence of Spain. Did it also mean the beginning of the commercial and territorial decline of England? The new century holds the answer.

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On account of the above occasion the Seaboard Air Line Railway will sell round-trip tickets from Richmond, Va., and from all stations selling coupon tickets on its line to New Orleans, La., Mobile, Ala., and Pensacola, Fla., at one first-class fare for the round-trip. Tickets will be sold, commencing February 12th, to the 18th, inclusive, with final return limit March 7th, 1901.

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NEWS AND GOSSIP FROM THE OTHER SIDE THE ATLANTIC

The Famine in India Now Appears to Be Under Control.

TURKEY IS BUILDING WAR SHIPS.

Penny Postage to New Zealand Meets With Approval—Murder and Brigandage a Regular Business in the Sultan's Domains.

Stone-henge Crumbling Away.

A letter to the London Times reports the fall of two of the stones of the outer circle of Stonehenge. The fall occurred on the last day of the nineteenth century. One of the fallen stones is a large upright Sarsen-stone and the other is the lintel, also of Sarsen, with yellow gravel and flint embedded in it.

These are the only stones which have fallen since Charles II. made excavations at the base of one to ascertain on what foundation the stones are placed, whilst staying at Hele House after the battle of Worcester.

It is said that the acts both of man and of god should destroy this fine old sun temple.

Famine Under Control.

The reports to the British Government from India show that only 250,000 persons are now receiving relief from the regular famine relief fund, of which number 157,000 are in the Bombay presidency. This is a wonderful improvement over the conditions that existed a year ago.

War Vessels for Turkey.

The Sublime Porte has just ordered \$12,000,000 to be spent in naval orders. This is a remarkable feat in high finance as the Turkish treasury is empty.

Penny Postage.

The introduction of a postal rate from England to New Zealand of one penny (two cents) has been made the occasion of great rejoicing in New Zealand. Mr. Ward, the postmaster-general, was presented with a gold stamp for which 10,000 people had subscribed one penny each. Australia refuses to accept New Zealand letters with a penny stamp.

Old Age in England.

Mr. Kenrick Peck writes this interesting letter to the London Times: "The following facts consequent upon a wager made by me a year ago, may interest some of your readers. The wager was that I should find recorded in your obituary columns for the year 1900 a daily average of five deaths of persons who had attained the age of eighty years or upwards. In other words, 1,500 for the year. I find 1,832 instead of 1,500. An average rather exceeding six, instead of five. The proportion of these deaths to the total number of deaths advertised is somewhat better than the record of the year 1899, 'the death' occurred in the early months of the year—viz., January to May. By far the most fatal month was January. Strange to say, the June and July totals exceeded those of December, thus, apparently, adding another nail to the coffin of the old. I find that a 'green' Yule makes a fat churchyard."

American Bridge Builders.

The wonderful feat accomplished by the Pencoyd Steel Works in putting up the Alameda bridge in twenty-eight days showed what American mechanical energy could do. Another example is given by the Gokteik viaduct in the Shan Hills, which is the highest railway bridge in the world, and has been successfully completed by the Pennsylvania Steel Company, and was formally handed over to the Burma Railways Company on December 13th.

Osman Pasha.

Osman Pasha, who is now a refugee in Europe, is nevertheless a sufficiently important personage to send cold chills up the Sultan's spine by threatening that as soon as the season permits he will enter Kurdistan without any one being able to stop him and will unite both Kurds and Armenians under his banner, and, without separating Kurdistan and Armenia from the Turkish Empire, free them from the demoralizing tyranny of the Sultan. The Sultan may well fear this threat, for in Kurdistan and Armenia at present murder and brigandage are recognized forms of industry of which the people are getting very tired.

Scotch Women Lawyers.

A case of interest to the legal profession has been raised in the Court of Session, Edinburgh. Margaret Howard Strang Hall, belonging to Kilm, in the west of Scotland, applied for admission to the law agents' examination. The Court ordered the Incorporated Society of Law Agents to lodge answers to her petition if they had any; and the society in their answers stated that no lady had ever

PHYSICIANS' ORPHANS' HOME.

Plan to Establish One at Bristol on a Large Scale.

BRISTOL, VA., Feb. 2.—Special.—More than a year ago Dr. John S. Harris, of Tennessee, began to agitate the necessity for a physician's orphan home. A self-constituted committee to select a suitable location for an orphanage to be national in its character, decided on Bristol, Tennessee-Virginia, as the place.

Accordingly, there has been an organization effected here to put the plan into operation, as follows: Dr. G. M. Pearler, president; Dr. N. H. Reese, secretary; John C. Anderson, president of the National Bank of Bristol, treasurer; Dr. John S. Harris, corresponding secretary. This organization has arranged to get possession of a piece of property in Bristol, on which there are commodious buildings, the largest one of which is eighty-five elegant rooms, all of which are carpeted and furnished, valued at \$100,000 and there is yet to be paid on it only \$35,000. The plan is by general contributions and endowments to raise from \$300,000 to \$400,000, with a view to constructing additional buildings later and to maintaining the home.

The Bristol Telephone Company and the Virginia and Tennessee Telephone Company have connected their lines with each other, and Bristol now has telephone connection with Radford, Roanoke and other points in Virginia.

High Hill Copper Mines.

A correspondent writing to the South Boston Times from High Hill Copper Mines, declares it is the busiest place in Halifax county.

"There are a large number of buildings being erected for miners and others. Mr. Billy P. Pool has a force of carpenters and Mr. Willie Blanks also has a force, and they are getting all the work they can do."

"Captain Richard Lamb, the electrical engineer and general manager for the large mining company, has moved into his elegant mansion."

"The mining company has a 50-horse power house on Hyco river below Griffin's bridge, and large pipes conveying water more than a mile to the mines on the hill. The water tank from which the houses and mines are supplied, holds 21,000 gallons. Mining operations are carried on both night and day. The ore is worked alternate night and day. It is about the mines about 200 feet below the surface of the ore is shipped to Virginia and some to South Boston."

AN OLD MAN'S WISH.

Takes a Patriotic Pride in His Country. What He Would Like to See.

"The Old Man" wants to see his country go forward. He lives in Fluvanna and writes to the Midland Virginian, the live county paper, published at Palmyra, about it. "The Old Man" is not an old fogey, but he is a patriot, and what he says applies in so many respects to nearly every county in Virginia that we reproduce what he says for the benefit of those who have the weal or woe of Virginia counties in their keeping. "The Old Man" says:

"I want to see the county seat of Fluvanna, where old Michael Walter Timberlake lived and did so much for his people, restored to its business prosperity. I want to see it look like it did when he had so many enterprises afoot. I want to see more of a want to see it go beyond in its lifetime. I want to see Judge James O. Shepherd, his grandson, still more active than he is and still more encouraged than he has been."

"First, let the Board of Supervisors see time seventy-three more University students have just been tried before a justice of the peace in St. Petersburg on the charge, made by the police, of creating a disturbance in one of the theatres of the capital during the performance of a drama called The Contrabandists. What would the czar do if he could see a cane rush or a horse painted green or a 'dyke'?" He would probably go to Siberia himself.

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